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I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listing of the claims in the application:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A table comprising:

a plastic table top ~~comprising~~ including a top portion, surface and a bottom portion and an surface, the table top comprising a raised portion extending outwardly extending portion that extends outwardly from the bottom portion surface of the table top, the outwardly extending raised portion extending along at least a substantial portion of a length of the table top and including ~~comprising~~ a generally horizontal portion, a first side wall and a second side wall;

a connector sized and configured to be secured to at least a portion of the outwardly extending raised portion of the table top, the connector ~~comprising~~ including a generally horizontal portion and a first generally vertical portion, ~~wherein the length of the first generally vertical portion of the connector having a length that is less than a the height of at least one of the first or the and second side wall of the outwardly extending raised portion;~~

and

a first table leg connected proximate an end of to the connector near an end thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein the connector further ~~comprises~~ includes a second generally vertical portion opposing the first generally vertical portion,

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~~wherein the length of the second generally vertical portion of the connector having a length that is less than the height of at least one of the first or the and second side wall of the outwardly extending raised portion.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein the connector has a generally an L-shaped cross-section.

4. (Currently Amended) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein the connector has a generally U-shaped cross-section.

5. (Currently Amended) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein the outwardly extending raised portion has a length that comprises an elongate structure which is substantially the same length as the table top.

6. (Currently Amended) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein the connector has a length that comprises an elongate structure which is substantially the same length as the table top.

7. (Currently Amended) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein the connector has a shape that substantially conforms to a shape of at least a portion of the outer surface of the outwardly extending raise portion.

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8. (Original) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein the plastic table top is formed from a blow-molded plastic construction.

9. (Original) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein the first table leg is pivotally connected to the connector.

10. (Currently Amended) The table as recited in claim 9, further comprising a second table leg pivotally connected proximate an opposing end of to the connector ~~near an opposing end thereof~~.

Please add the following new claims:

11. (New) The table as recited in claim 1, further comprising a lip generally extending downwardly from the bottom portion of the table top, the outwardly extending portion being spaced apart and spaced inwardly from the lip.

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12. (New) A table comprising:

a table top constructed from plastic, the table top including a top portion, a bottom portion and a length;

an outwardly extending portion that extends outwardly from the bottom portion of the table top, the outwardly extending portion extending along the length of the table top, the outwardly extending portion including a first side wall, a second side wall and an intermediate portion extending between the first side wall and the second side wall;

a connector secured only to the outwardly extending portion of the table top, the connector being spaced apart from the bottom portion of the table top, the connector comprising:

a first portion that is sized and configured to abut the intermediate portion of the outwardly extending portion; and

a second portion that is sized and configured to abut the first side wall of the outwardly extending portion.

13. (New) The table as recited in claim 12, further comprising a first table leg pivotally attached to the connector and a second table leg pivotally attached to the connector.

14. (New) The table as recited in claim 12, further comprising a lip outwardly extending from the bottom portion of the table top, the outwardly extending portion being spaced apart and spaced inwardly from the lip

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15. (New) The table as recited in claim 12, further comprising a third portion of the connector, the third portion of the connector being sized and configured to abut the second side wall of the outwardly extending portion.

16. (New) The table as recited in claim 12, wherein the outwardly extending portion has a length that is substantially the same as the length of the table top and the connector has a length that is substantially the same as the length of the table top.

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17. (New) A table comprising:

a table top constructed from plastic and including a top portion, a bottom portion and an outer edge;

a lip generally extending downwardly from the bottom portion of the table top, the lip being positioned at least proximate the outer edge of the table top;

a portion extending generally outwardly from the bottom portion of the table top, the outwardly extending portion being spaced apart from the lip by a distance, the outwardly extending portion including a first side wall, a second side wall and an intermediate portion extending between the first side wall and the second side wall;

a connector secured to the outwardly extending portion of the table top, the connector comprising:

a first portion that is sized and configured to abut the intermediate portion of the outwardly extending portion; and

a second portion that is sized and configured to abut the first side wall of the outwardly extending portion; and

one or more table legs secured to the connector.

18. (New) The table as recited in claim 17, further comprising a third portion of the connector, the third portion of the connector being sized and configured to abut the second side wall of the outwardly extending portion.

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19. (New) The table as recited in claim 17, wherein the outwardly extending portion has a length that is substantially the same as a length of the table top and the connector has a length that is substantially the same as the length of the table top.

20. (New) The table as recited in claim 17, wherein the connector has a shape that substantially conforms to a shape of the outwardly extending portion.